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Mr. Anderson had no remarks.

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Information Item

Academic Freedom Committee Extension (5.7.85.1)

Mr. Willard Moonan, Chairperson of the Academic Freedom Committee, was present for questions.

Mr. Moonan explained that the regulation had been extended June 13, 1984, because the Ritt document and changes in Academic Freedom Committee procedures were in process and would eventually take care of this item. This extension had been initiated last year as an interim measure, until these new AFC procedures were in place. Since the procedures were not yet approved, he asked that this extension be approved by the Senate once again. The revised procedures are being considered by the Faculty Affairs Committee. The Academic Freedom Committee has a Faculty Hearing Committee made up of 7 members, elected from the total membership of the committee. From these seven persons, one person serves as Vice Chair of the Academic Freedom Committee, and does not serve on a Case Advisory Committee, leaving only six members. There were times last year when the committee had three or four different cases going at once. There was a time they thought they would have to close down the committee and concentrate on the work load that they had, before they would take new cases. The change that was proposed would allow case advisory committees to be drawn from the 22 regular members of the Academic Freedom Committee.

Mr. Prachar asked what the Academic Freedom Committee does? Mr. Moonan explained that the Academic Freedom Committee has three functions:
1. when procedures of the ASPT document have been alleged to have been violated;
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and 3. dismissal cases, where a faculty member is dismissed during an academic year, violating his contract, etc.

XVI-153 Mr. Nelsen moved to suspend the rules and vote on this extension this evening. (Second, Goldstein).

Mr. Ken Strand asked why the rule was written as it was. Mr. Moonan said these rules had been passed by the Senate in 1972. When it had been originally set up, there were fewer cases. The number of cases has increased.

Mr. Zeidenstein said he thought the original intent in 1972 had been that the case advisory committee, a smaller subcommittee of the larger committee, be composed of different members from the entire Academic Freedom Committee so that there would be no conflict of interest. Members drawn from the case advisory committee, do offer advice to the alleged aggrieved faculty member. A person on the case advisory committee cannot serve on the hearing committee. If the people who have investigated the case and offered advice to the faculty member were chosen for the hearing committee, it would be a conflict of interest.

Mr. Watkins said this was one of a number of things that were being looked at in the revised AFC document. The efforts of Bob Ritt have improved it substantially. The old document is not current with the situation. The AFC document has been re-written and is now in the Faculty Affairs Committee.

Ms. Hanlon asked if all persons on the committee were tenured? Mr. Moonan answered "Yes".

Mr. Parr asked if there was a difference whether this extension was passed tonight or passed during the July meeting. Mr. Moonan replied that it would make little difference.

Mr. Parr stated he would rather adhere to the rules. Mr. Zeidenstein agreed.

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